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DON'T LAUGH

London, Sept. 30.
Over ten thousand cooks have been trained in the Army, and it is now proposed to establish a school in Aldershot where they can receive a "finishing" to fit them for the catering trades.
A War Office spokesman said that good cooks are scarce and the army cooks have a great opportunity. — Reuter.

Richelieu Hits Mine Escapes

PARIS, SEPT. 30.
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT GEN. JACQUES LECLERC WILL PROCEED FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN INDIA TO COMMAND FRENCH FORCES IN SAIGON, WHERE THE PRESENCE OF A HIGH FRENCH OFFICIAL IS NEEDED.
General DeGaulle cabled Leclerc yesterday after a Minister criticised at a Cabinet meeting the small number of Allied troops in Indo-China.
The battleship Richelieu, en route to Indo-China to cover French landings, struck a mine in Malacca Straits. The navy said there were no casualties and the ship continued on its course.
Some official circles expressed dissatisfaction at the behaviour of Chinese troops in their occupation zone, claiming 1,600 Chinese entered Laos, taking over the civil administration "whereas we have administrative personnel there perfectly capable of doing it."
One newspaper said Gen. Alessandri still is in China, unable to go to Indo-China "despite reassuring declarations by the Chungking government." One could ask if the policy of General Lu Han is personal, as one is led to believe; or if it follows secret directives from Chungking. — Associated Press.

TORIES RALLY FOR THE POST-MORTEM

REUTER'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT POLITICAL FORCES ARE NOW CONVERGING ON LONDON FOR THE FIRST REAL SESSION OF BRITAIN'S NEW LABOUR-DOMINATED PARLIAMENT, WHICH OPENS ON TUESDAY WEEK.
THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, IS NOW ACCLIMATISED TO THE HIGH PRESSURE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CABINET ROOM AT NO. 10, DOWNING STREET, AND HAS HAD NO HOLIDAY TO SUS-TAIN HIM IN HIS TASK OF LEADING THE GOVERNMENT AND OVER 400 LABOUR M.P.s.
His Conservative adversary, the former Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, has enjoyed a lengthy vacation and is reported to be brimful of his old sparkle and fire and ready to lead his formidable 200 Opposition into battle.
Mr. Churchill will be able to give his whole mind to attacking purely Socialist policy, but Mr. Attlee will have the double responsibility of acting as generalissimo of Socialist legislation, including nationalisation of the Bank of England and British coal mines, and at the same time untangling administrative problems of which demobilisation is the knottiest.
The threshold task to be accomplished before the end of the year is (1) to speed demobilisation and manpower adjustment; (2) to make rapid progress with the rehousing of Britain's bombed-out

Dr. Soekarno To Cooperate

BATAVIA, SEPT. 30.
BY DAWN TO-DAY MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND TROOPS, INCLUDING TWO BATTALIONS OF THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS, HAD OCCUPIED ALL STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE CITY OF BATAVIA. ROYAL MARINES FROM H.M.S. SUSSEX AND H.M.S. CUMBERLAND HAD OCCUPIED THE DOCK ZONE AND HAD PLACED GUARDS ON ALL CAMPS HOUSING ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNEES.

Small parties of Dutch soldiers and soldiers have also arrived in Batavia.

The occupation was carried out smoothly, and Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, in a Proclamation says: "The British troops have arrived to accept the surrender of the Japanese forces on behalf of the United Nations. They will protect the people, maintain law and order until normal government is able to function again."

More British troops are to land at Batavia, Sourabaya, and Medan in Sumatra in the next two or three days.

INTERNAL POLITICS

The Allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, Lieutenant-General Sir Philip Christison, of SEAC, has reiterated that British forces will have nothing to do with the internal politics of the N.E.I., but will concentrate on disarming the Japanese.

It is pointed out that during the war, the Queen of the Netherlands gave definite assurances of constitutional reform in the N.E.I. and promised Dominion Status. — Reuter.

PAMPHLETS POSTED

Batavia, Sept. 30.
The vanguard of the Allied occupation force immediately took over the Tandjongpriok Harbour Area, numerous prisoners-of-war camps in Batavia and Japanese headquarters.

The vanguard was a party of Royal Navy men and marines, who were followed by more men in barges.

Behind closed doors, Dr. Soekarno, is conferring with his Cabinet and with Indonesian leaders regarding various public services, discussing the mode of conduct towards the occupation force.

Pamphlets have been posted at street corners of Batavia saying: "Indonesians will be hospitable to

wards everyone who respects their freedom." — Reuter.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Allied Commander in the Netherlands East Indies, said to-day he had arranged, at his insistence, a meeting between the Indonesian nationalist leaders and Dutch colonial administrators who previously had refused to meet them. — Associated Press.

Snags Grow Not Less

LEEDS, SEPT. 30.—DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE PROBLEM OF DEMOBILISATION ARE GROWING "NOT LESS BUT MORE ACUTE," DECLARES THE "YORKSHIRE POST" LEADING CONSERVATIVE PAPER OF BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL NORTH IN AN EDITORIAL TO-DAY.

The "Yorkshire Post" adds that the scope of the military obligations which Britain is bound to fulfill is increasing. "This is made particularly clear by reports from the East. In India, communal strife has unhappily once again broken out. In Java, Japanese guerrillas have still to be subdued. In Indo-China, Annamite nationalists are causing trouble." — Reuter.

SIX YEARS TO CATCH UP

London, Sept. 30.
New exchanges and switchboards are among plans for the improvement of London's telephone system, but it will be some time before real progress is possible.

A Post Office official pointed out that there was six years of work to be overtaken before they could hope to get back to pre-war standards. — Reuter.

FARRELL RELENTS

Buenos Aires, Sept. 30.
Argentina's police to-day released most of the political prisoners arrested in connection with the anti-Farrell demonstrations.

Discussions are proceeding in Washington between officials of the State Department and the American Ambassador who has just returned, and the result may be concerted action, with other American Republics, against the Argentine. — Reuter.

London, Sept. 30.
The Allied Commission for German Reparations has now moved its permanent seat from Moscow to Berlin, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.
This is apparent from one of the French references to the work of the Commission in a memorandum submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers, and it is believed that the Council will assemble at once in the German capital. — Reuter.

Washington, Sept. 30.
Mr. Mackenzie King has arrived for talks with President Truman before proceeding to Great Britain. — Reuter.

U. S. MARINES LAND AT TIENTSIN

Tientsin, Sept. 30.
The veteran American First Marine Division landed to-day at Taku and Tientsin harbour to help Chinese nationalist troops disarm thousands of Japanese. — Associated Press.

Nazis Threaten Reprisals!

MUNICH, SEPT. 30.
PLACARDS THREATENING REPRISALS BY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE WEHRMACHT AGAINST GERMAN WOMEN WHO FRATERNISE WITH AMERICANS WERE FOUND YESTERDAY IN THE CENTRE OF MUNICH.

This was the latest of several indications of underground activity in the Bavarian zone of occupation. The zone is under the jurisdiction of Gen. George Patton of the Third Army.

Incidents have been separate and sporadic, but some have been reported perpetrated by remnants of an S.S. brigade which is stranded in the Alps. — Associated Press.

U.S. troops made one of their biggest coups to-day when 41 prominent Nazis were arrested in a raid in Munich. Men and women were included in the arrests. — Reuter.

R. A. A. F. FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Sept. 30.
Some 2,000 members of the Royal Australian Air Force are to take part in the occupation of Japan. They will all be volunteers and will fly in short island hops from Labuan.

They will be equipped with Mustangs and will operate from airfields in and around Tokyo. The officer commanding the unit is already in Tokyo conferring with American Air Force men on the tasks to be assigned the Australians. — Reuter.

JAPS DEMOBLED

Tokyo, Sept. 30.
The Tokyo War Department to-day informed MacArthur's Headquarters that 1,835,634 men of the Japanese home army had been demobilised by September 24. Some 419,000 remaining are in the process. — Reuter.

EX-KING LEOPOLD

London, Sept. 30.
Reports that ex-King Leopold of the Belgians had gone to Switzerland are shown to be unfounded. He is still living in Salzburg, but it is believed that efforts are being made to find him a suitable residence in Switzerland. — Reuter.

SAIGON CURFEW

Saigon, Sept. 30.
The British authorities last night issued a proclamation forbidding public meetings and imposing a curfew.
There have been no further serious incidents in the city area. — Reuter.

EFFORT TO BREAK BALKANS IMPASSE

LONDON, SEPT. 30.
THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MET TWICE TO-DAY AND SPECULATION INCREASED AS TO WHETHER ITS PRINCIPALS HAD SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THE STALEMATE TO FURTHER TALKS ON THE BALKANS OR HAD DECIDED TO END THE CONFERENCE FOR THE PRESENT.

ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION HAD OFFERED A PLAN TO BREAK THE IMPASSE, RUMOURS SPREAD THAT THE MINISTERS MIGHT CONTINUE THEIR TALKS INTO NEXT WEEK.

The American plan was understood to propose creation of sub-committees of the Five-Nation Council to deal with specific regions. This would mean that France and China would be omitted from committees on the Balkans, which Russia had insisted upon.

Piecing together 19 days of work, these appeared to be Conference results on Saturday night.

Italy—The Council established most of the framework for a peace treaty which probably will set forth a limitation of Italian military forces and a sharp supervision of armaments. The greatest part of the Julian March is expected to go to Yugoslavia, together with Zara and the islands near the Yugoslav coast.

The internationalisation of Trieste was referred to the Council's Deputies.

Apparently an Italian reparations bill is to be fixed. Italy's colonial Empire is a question for the deputies.

FRENCH PROPOSALS

Germany—French proposals for placing the Rhineland and the Ruhr under international control are believed to have been turned over to ordinary diplomatic channels.

Iran—Britain and Russia are understood to have agreed to withdraw their troops from Iran by March 2, 1946, the agreed date, six months after the end of the Japanese war.

Austria—The Five Powers appeared hopeful of increasing food and other supplies for Austria.

German Reparations—The Council agreed to speed up the work of the Reparations Commission, which the Soviets have hinted will be moved from Moscow to Germany. — Associated Press.

TO BE ABOLISHED

Tokyo, Sept. 30.
Domei news agency quoted unnamed "authoritative Japanese sources" to-day as saying that Japan's army and navy general staffs will be abolished.

General MacArthur some time ago dissolved the Japanese imperial headquarters. — Associated Press.

London, Sept. 30.
H.M.S. Diadem rescued all members of the crew of a Swedish steamer which struck a mine in the Skagerrak to-day and sank. — Reuter.

Truman Poses An Awkward Question

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29.
PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS REQUESTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ADMIT DISPLACED JEWS FROM GERMANY INTO PALESTINE, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED.

THE REQUEST IS THE RESULT OF A REPORT CALLING ON GENERAL "IKE" EISENHOWER, TO REMEDY THE SHOCKING CONDITIONS REPORTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

"As matters now stand, we appear to be treating Jews as the Nazis treated them, except that we do not exterminate them."

President Truman informed Gen. Eisenhower: "I am communicating directly with the British Government in an effort to have the doors of Palestine opened to such of these displaced persons as are willing to go."

It was also stated at the White House that President Truman has written personally to Mr. C. R. Attlee on the matter, but has not yet received a reply.

The letter will be made public when the answer is forthcoming.

At the same time, President Truman has written to Gen.

SEVERN BRIDGE PROJECT

London, Sept. 30.
One of the big projects in the reconstruction of England now approved is the building of a bridge over the Severn.
The bridge will cost £10,000,000 and will be 110 feet above high water level. — Reuter.

Far East Commission Agreed

LONDON, SEPT. 30.
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES FOR SETTING UP A FAR EAST COMMISSION TO FORMULATE POLICIES FOR CARRYING OUT THE JAPANESE SURRENDER TERMS.

Russia and China had already agreed to the setting up of the Commission.

This was announced this morning by Mr. James Byrnes, U.S. Secretary of State, who added that Australia, New Zealand, France, the Netherlands, Canada and the Philippines would be invited to become members.

The Commission will hold its first meeting soon, in Washington.

Mr. Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, asked that India also be invited to membership. Mr. Byrnes said that the United States was agreeable, but the issue would have first to be submitted to Russia and China. — Associated Press.

'MANIFEST ABSURDITY'

Bombay, Sept. 30.—The Indian Congress leader, Pandit Nehru, who is noted for his sympathies with China and his friendship for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day condemned as a "manifest absurdity" the description of Generalissimo Chiang as the "Fascist leader of the East," made by Suro Chandra Bose, brother of the late Indian Quisling leader, Subhra Chandra Bose. — Reuter.

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 8

The following are requested to stand by for embarkation for the United Kingdom or portion thereof S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH" on or about Tuesday next:-

Mr. A. H. Biston (Police)
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Searle
Mr. J. Hunter
Mr. W. Jones
Mr. J. Poll
Mr. M. A. McDonald
Mr. H. B. Dowar
Mr. T. Cairns
Mr. T. J. Hensley
Mr. H. Woods
Mrs. C. Woods
Mrs. J. Woods
Mrs. J. Woods (Police)
Mr. A. S. Parquhar
Mr. W. S. Hall
Mr. E. J. Stewart
Mr. H. Tyler
Mr. A. R. Ellis
Mr. W. N. Heathridge
Mr. A. E. Bess
Mr. S. C. H. Mayor
Mr. G. W. Maydon
Mr. J. H. Evans
Mrs. A. Evans
Mr. M. J. Hattory (Police)
Mr. G. C. Taylor
Mr. J. W. Howlett
Mrs. M. Howlett
Miss S. Howlett
Mr. P. Pinfold (Police)
Mr. A. E. G. Whodan
Mr. A. Searle
Mr. R. D. Eaton
Mr. R. B. Davies
Mr. R. McVoy
Mr. T. Ross
Mr. D. G. McPherson
Mrs. D. McPherson
Mr. R. North (Police)
Mr. J. Wall
Mr. L. H. Oakley
Miss J. L. Wilkinson
Mrs. J. L. Wilkinson
Mrs. B. Wilkinson
Miss J. P. Wilkinson
Miss M. V. Wilkinson
Miss M. E. Wilkinson
Mrs. B. A. Wilkinson
Mrs. M. Wardley (Police)
Mr. W. McHardy
Mr. F. G. Appleton
Mr. W. Willacsson
Mr. T. P. Ross
Mr. A. Popple
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Mr. K. Schouten
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Mrs. B. Costello
Mr. O. Brown (Police)
Dr. L. B. Ghows (Police)
Mr. W. Watson (Police)
Mrs. D. J. Watson (Police)
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Mr. W. E. H. Howell
Mr. H. M. S. Goldie
Mr. A. B. Tate
Mr. C. Pope
Mr. J. Ring
Mrs. M. Ring
Mr. F. Shanks
Dr. B. Tilling
Mr. H. W. G. Molaren
Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Langston
Mrs. E. B. Langston
Mrs. H. B. Leiper
Mr. D. Nielson
Mr. V. Olofinsky
Miss M. G. White
Mrs. A. White
Mr. C. Rowcliffe
Miss R. G. Razavette
Mrs. A. K. Saunders
Mr. G. W. Shaw
Mr. D. Cairns
Mr. R. W. Jenner (Police)
Mr. W. L. Clarke
Mr. A. M. J. Wright
Mr. J. S. Charter
Mrs. Y. J. S. Charter
Mr. & Mrs. T. Bolt
Miss Bolt
Mr. & Mrs. W. Bruce
Mr. B. H. Woodman
Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Cox
Mr. W. J. Morris
Mr. H. H. Blyth & 2 children
Mr. J. Evans
Mrs. Evans & 3 children
Mrs. N. Elson
Mr. C. Davis
Mr. W. G. Mokio
Mr. W. Litter
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. O. Chalmers
Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Wyllie
Miss M. C. Cameron
Miss I. W. Crutskhank
Mrs. D. M. Tate
Mr. & Mrs. C. Pfister
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Mr. M. L. Bovan (Police)
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Mr. M. D. Watson

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 8 (CONTINUED)

SECOND LIST FOR S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH"

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Mr. O. H. Cammiano
Mrs. C. H. Cammiano
Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Reichelt & Family
Mr. D. Danielsen
Mrs. E. M. Schroyer & Children
Miss S. Harri
Mrs. A. Castello
Mrs. W. J. Pennington
Miss E. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. N. E. Hunter
Mrs. M. Histed and Daughter
Miss M. Tatz
Mrs. R. Tatz
Miss J. Tatz
Miss H. Ayock
Mr. S. Gray
Mr. L. H. Baitton
Mr. J. B. Harrison
Miss E. M. Summers
Mr. & Mrs. Lecherhofer
Miss P. A. Lederhofer
Mrs. M. G. Frederick
Miss W. Phillips
Miss M. G. Paterson
Mr. A. W. Ingram
Mrs. C. Chung
Mr. L. C. E. Ballany
Mr. & Mrs. N. D. Carmona & Daughter
Mr. M. Scott
Mr. W. D. Gardner
Miss L. J. Churn
Mr. A. P. Zarembs (Police)
Mr. H. W. E. Heath
Mr. R. N. Rennie
Mrs. A. M. Rennie (Police)
Mr. D. R. Fyffe
Mrs. F. V. Tichopad
Sir Athol & Lady MacGregor (already embarked)
Mr. A. D. Brown
Mr. T. J. Laufer
Mrs. V. J. Armstrong & Children
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Humphreys
Mr. R. E. Todd
Mr. W. O. Nodas
Mrs. D. A. Glazomoff
Mr. & Mrs. V. C. Seymour & Child

FURTHER LIST WILL FOLLOW.

REPATRIATION OFFICE,

1st Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.
September 29, 1945.

NOTICE

H. K. V. D. C. REPATRIATION

IMPORTANT

It is expected that all those registered for repatriation to United Kingdom will sail on or about 3rd October, 1945, by the "Highland Monarch". Final date and time will be notified as soon as possible.

All those who have not yet registered and who wish to proceed to United Kingdom should register as soon as possible at this Headquarters stating desired date of departure; i.e., first ship or deferred. Those desiring deferred passages should apply in writing out stating full reasons (certain applications have already been received and these need not be repeated).

This does not apply to those whose country of origin is Hong Kong or Macau or places in the Far East to which transport is not available.

Watch out for announcements from:

ZBW broadcasting at 1 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. or from the Local Morning and Evening Newspapers both in English and Chinese.

E.N. THURSBY,

Major, Adj., H.K.V.D.C.

Hong Kong, 29th September, 1945.

Rev. R. W. Gallagher
Mr. J. P. Naef
Rev. G. L. Kennedy
Rev. T. B. FitzGerald

REPATRIATION OFFICER,

1st Floor, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.

Tel. 39842.

28th September, 1945.

NOTICE

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 8 (CONTINUED)

S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH"

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Mr. J. G. Bailey
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Mr. R. A. C. North
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Miss M. Eliazor
Mrs. H. G. Wittenbach
Miss P. G. Wittenbach
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Mr. T. A. Dugani
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STANLEY AND OTHER LIST TO FOLLOW.

REPATRIATION OFFICE,

1st Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.

30th September, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE NO. 9

S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH"

Those who have asked for

repatriation to AUSTRALIA are informed that it is possible that some accommodation for passengers for Australia may be available on the above named ship which is expected to leave on the 3rd October. They would probably be transhipped at Singapore or Colombo. The earliest possible notice will be given in the Press of the names of any persons for whom such accommodation can be found and they should watch for Press notices.

REPATRIATION OFFICER,

1st Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.

(Tel. No. 39642).

30th September, 1945.

REPATRIATION LIST No. 10

S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH"

The list of persons to be repatriated to the United Kingdom by the above ship will be closed at 1.00 p.m. on Monday, 1st October.

REPATRIATION OFFICER,

1st Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.

September 30th, 1945.

NOTICE

S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH"

is expected to sail for the UNITED KINGDOM sometime during the first week of OCTOBER with sufficient accommodation for all asking early repatriation. Newspapers should be watched for notices of those required to stand by.

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PACIFIC ISSUES

Professor Laski's brilliantly thoughtful article contributes so much of real value to any discussion connected with problems facing the Far East that it is a pity to find it marred by a quite unnecessary reference to the future of Hong Kong. With his main theme, there can be no major quarrel. The war in the Pacific beyond doubt has established the claims of Australia and New Zealand to a full voice in all councils concerned with the Pacific area. However long it may take Downing Street to recognize that 'the old order changeth', Professor Laski puts the case so soundly and succinctly that apart from minds incapable of encompassing the radical changes in outlook produced by the events of the last six years, little remains but to stand on the side-lines and applaud. In treating of Hong Kong, however, Mr. Laski removes himself from the general to the particular, and, as so often happens, finds himself on less solid ground. That the Colony's destinies are open to discussion is well-known. The declaration of 1943 probably means that the subject will be raised when the final Pacific peace settlements are being framed. It is, however, a far stride from that position to the attitude adopted by Professor Laski, merely to point an argument supporting the right of Australia and New Zealand to take their proper places in the councils of the Commonwealth. In dealing with broad principles, Professor Laski can be trusted to bring a polished judgment to bear. In referring to Hong Kong, he overlooked the wisdom of knowing precisely what he was talking about. Unless one has studied Hong Kong and can boast a thorough understanding of its position vis-a-vis China, it were more intelligent to leave recommendations severely alone.

APPEAL TO INDIA

London, Sept. 29.—A direct appeal to Indians in Britain to abandon political differences and unite to achieve India's complete independence will be made by Mr. W. C. Cove, Labour Member of Parliament, when he speaks at Gandhi's birthday gathering on Tuesday. Several organisations are presenting to Members of Parliament different methods of achieving India's freedom. Mr. Cove contends that the present "patchwork" efforts should be replaced by a unified presentation of Indian views.—Reuter.

REPATRIATION

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT

The last immediately available evacuation ship is expected to leave the Colony about 3rd October. With the departure of this ship the evacuation of Hong Kong internees and prisoners-of-war is expected to be complete and no further ships have been made available.

Thereafter Hong Kong will operate as a processing base for British prisoners-of-war and internees from China and plans are in hand to bring them to the Colony in substantial numbers for this purpose. They will enjoy priority for repatriation. I accordingly most earnestly request all prisoners-of-war and internees now in the Colony who qualify for repatriation not to delay their departure except for the most compelling reasons. In view of the present shipping situation I feel it my duty to warn all concerned that if they miss repatriation by this ship they may have to remain indefinitely in the Colony and run the risk of forfeiting the privilege of free passage home which expires at the end of this year.

Signed (Cecil Harcourt),

Commandant-in-Chief,

Hong Kong.

September 28th, 1945.

FROM A SOCIALIST'S WINDOW

The Future Of The Far East

Dr. Evatt's visit to London has already borne fruit; the agreement that the views of the Dominions shall be directly heard by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its discussion of the Italian peace treaty, is on any showing a great gain.

It is not only that it would be a masterpiece of China and the treaty were to be made only by those Powers which have direct interest in the Mediterranean.

It is even more important that whatever dispositions are made of the Italian colonies they should have behind them the largest body possible of independent goodwill. It is still more important that this treaty, unlike Versailles, should not be the outcome of secret discussions made by a handful of Great Powers which feel neither a moral nor an international obligation to explain to the world what they are doing.

In this sense, Dr. Evatt is rendering a service of very high value to the world. He has the great virtues of courage and directness. His legal skill makes him particularly well qualified, looking at documents he is asked to accept, to distinguish a hawk from a hand-saw.

His insistence that the Great Powers shall not assume that the smaller Powers are really no more than flies swarming across the ceiling of international affairs, has a two-fold merit. First, that it makes Great Britain more conscious that within the Commonwealth the informations exchanged in order that discussion be real, as it precedes action, does not entitle Downing Street to assume that when it has telegraphed its views, it possesses a kind of implied paramountcy in affairs.

Its great value in the second place is that it persuades other Powers which might otherwise accept silently their relegation to outer darkness realise that they have if they are prepared to insist upon it, real weight and influence in shaping decisions.

It does not look as though Dr. Evatt's views are overwhelmingly popular in London. Then neither was the stand taken by him and Mr. Peter Fraser at San Francisco. The British delegation there was quite strongly in favour of a united decision, one in which Great Britain led the way and the other Dominions followed. It was Dr. Evatt and Mr. Fraser who made Lord Halifax, Mr. Eden, Lord Cranborne and their colleagues realise that this was not the interpretation placed by the Dominions on the Statute of Westminster.

The points they emphasise are important because Mr. Mackenzie King seems steadily to have maintained the discreet Janus-like attitude for which he has been so long notable, while Field Marshal Smuts has now reached a point where, apart from high-minded moral pronouncements, his whole mind is concentrated on the single issue of the incorporation of Southwest Africa into the Union of South Africa.

Dr. Evatt and Mr. Fraser did not get all they asked for; but the result of their pressure was that the Trustees Clauses in the San Francisco Charter were very much better than they would otherwise have been.

Many significant lessons begin to emerge from the experience in this way, about the British Commonwealth.

It has quite clearly ceased to be sufficient to have a Dominions Office as a central clearing house through which actions are taken. It is not enough either, for the Dominions themselves to think of international policy in narrow geographical terms.

The frontiers of Poland may be as significant for the future of Australia or New Zealand as they are for France or for Great Britain itself. More than this it is now an issue which at least must be very carefully examined, whether the trusteeship of certain areas in the Pacific are not more wisely entrusted directly to Australia and New Zealand than Great Britain.

The influence of the Dominions requires more than a kind of "token mandate." It requires them to take a full share in actual administration as well as inter-imperial discussion. This is not merely a matter of population. If Belgium, with a smaller population than Australia, can rule over a vast area of the African continent, there is no reason to suppose that the Government at Canberra cannot undertake responsibilities equal in magnitude.

That is not all. A good deal of the future of the Pacific Dominions in the Commonwealth depends upon the policy pursued by Great Britain in India, Malaysia and China. Experience in this war suggests with vivid emphasis that the sooner the Dominions begin to press for a fuller and more direct share in making that policy, the better for all of us. Quite certainly it would be better for the Pacific Dominions. None could easily argue that British policies in India, for example, or Singapore, have been an outstanding success in the last generation so it is not easy to believe that ten or fifteen

years from now, the present decision to retain British possession of Hong Kong, thus leaving it to the unimaginative administration of the Colonial Office will look as natural or obvious as it does today.

There is, surely, everything to be said for making decisions upon these issues—matters about which in every stage the Pacific Dominions should participate on the same level as Great Britain.

I should like to see a development in the next five years which makes the Governor of Singapore

BY PROFESSOR J. J. LASKI

(BY SPECIAL REUTER CABLE)

as naturally an Australian or a New Zealander as a citizen of Great Britain. I should like to see the principle of common Dominion entrance into the Civil Service established as a matter of course. I should like Mr. Evatt regarded as a not less obviously negotiator of an Anglo-Indian settlement as Sir Stafford Cripps or Mr. Amery.

At least there is an important possibility that he would bring a really fresh mind to the discussion, that he would be far less impressed by the traditional influence which always make both the Political Department of the Viceroy at Delhi and the India Office think the same way. That is true also of a problem, like the future of Hong Kong. In my view, it would have been far wiser to anticipate the inevitable gracefully to-day than wait for the passage of time to erode grace. I think that is more easily seen in the Dominions than it is in the Colonial Office.

That is why I think it is time to call them into full Council.

On The Job Again

MR. E. D. ROBBINS, WHO LEFT STANLEY INTERNATIONAL CAMP FOR CANADA IN THE REPATRIATION SHIP TEI-MARU ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1945, IS BACK IN TOWN AND ON THE JOB AGAIN.

Looking fit, Mr. Robbins told the "China Mail" that, contrary to expectations, the trip from Hong Kong to Goa was a nightmare, even worse than Stanley. There was insufficient to eat and extra food was obtainable at only exorbitant prices. In short, the Japanese made every attempt to relieve the passengers of what money they had as quickly as possible. Those from Hong Kong, looking real tramps when alongside the smartly dressed Shanghaianders, had only the monthly allowance of 20 yen, while the Northerners were fortunate enough to receive 5,000 yen before their departure.

One person from Shanghai died on the ship, a previously disordered state of health being aggravated by the unpleasant conditions. The repatriates were given a warm reception in Canada and were given every possible aid by the Red Cross. It was soon obvious, however, that no one knew the truth of Stanley.

While in Canada Mr. Robbins had the novel experience of receiving his own letters, written from Stanley in the early months of internment.

Mr. Robbins has been in East Africa for the past year, having left Mrs. Robbins and daughter in Canada, and he has returned to Hong Kong under Government instructions. Recently he has been on a lecture tour.

First arriving in the Colony in 1938, Mr. Robbins is in the Health Department of Government.

The Swedish Shipping Company, Ah Svenska Omlastiska Kompaniet, will resume trade with India next month. The date of departure of the first ship, "Tamara," has been tentatively fixed for October 8.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 30.—Sir George Schuster, former Finance Member in India, has accepted the invitation of the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, to become independent chairman of the Cotton Industry Working Committee.—Reuter.

Washington, Sept. 30.—United States War Shipping Administration has disclosed plans for de-regulating American tankers from October 4 and reducing tanker rates, effective January 12.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 30.—A report that India is considering an increase in her carpet wool quota to the United States is gratifying American traders in view of the fact that Chinese wool is apparently moving to Russia and the Middle East. Wools are highly inflated in value.—Reuter.

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HONGKONG

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Dated the 26th day of September, 1945.

W. M. Thomson,
Col. C. A.,
Deputy C. C. A. O.,
Hong Kong, 26th, September, 1945.

POST OFFICE
NOTICE

All persons who have recently posted mail addressed to Macao are requested to call at the General Post Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, 28th September, 1945.

A further notice regarding mail to Macao generally will be issued shortly.

J. B. H. LEE,
Acting Postmaster General,
September 26th, 1945.

NOTICE

We have acquired temporary accommodation on the 4th floor of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, c/o Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master.

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Train Derailed In Territories

(By A Staff Reporter)

A TRAIN WRECK AT LOWU, A PRECARIOUS RIDE ON A JEEP OVER ROADS SO BAD THAT THE JEEP WAS ALMOST TRAVELLING ON TWO WHEELS, TEA AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 13TH CHINESE ARMY AT SHUMCHUN, BACK TO COMMANDO HEADQUARTERS TO CHANGE OVER INTO A COMMANDO LORRY FOR A TRIP BACK TO KOWLOON AT AN AVERAGE SPEED OF SOMETHING APPROACHING 50 M.P.H. — ALL THIS CROWDED INTO THE DAY'S ASSIGNMENTS YESTERDAY, PROVIDED MORE EXCITEMENT THAN I BARGAINED FOR ON SETTING OUT FROM THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION YESTERDAY MORNING, SHORTLY AFTER 10 A.M., WITH A PARTY OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

The trip was to have been something in the nature of a goodwill visit by the official party to Shumchun, where they were to pick up a platoon of the 13th Chinese Army, under the command of Col. Chow, and make the return trip to Kowloon with the platoon who were to take up quarters in Kowloon Tong.

Everything went off according to programme until we got to Lowu. We left Kowloon dead on time, bottles of beer were produced and everybody was put into the best of moods. Even the fact that we went through Beacon Hill tunnel in a complete black-out (there were no lights on the coach) failed to spoil things.

A prolonged stop was made at Fanling, and here men from the Air Force had an enjoyable fifteen minutes, making friends with the country-folk, giving them chocolate, sweets, sandwiches and having pictures, both stills and cine-pictures, taken with them.

OFF THE RAILS

We then started on the last lap of the journey out and had not gone ten minutes when a severe jolt brought us all up with a start. Bottles and glasses flew off the table, and we were putting things in order again when one of the party, looking out of the window said, "The engine's gone off the rails."

In fact it had done more than that. It had travelled beyond a low wall that marked the end of a siding and carried the wall with it! Fortunately, the driver had seen what was coming and applied the brakes, and though this did not pull the engine and coaches up in time, it averted what otherwise might have been a major disaster.

Investigation suggested that the pointman had, for some reason or other, forgotten to "switch over" with the result that instead of going on to the mainline at Lowu, the engine went straight into the siding at some considerable speed.

As luck would have it, there was no casualty at all. But it will perhaps take a day, or the greater part of it, to get the locomotive work on the track again as it went not only off the rails, but the forepart was firmly embedded in soft earth.

While we were waiting for the breakdown gang at Lowu, Col. Chow arrived with two of his officers and had a discussion with Wing Comdr. H. P. Dickson and it was decided that we should walk over the border, get into two trucks that the 13th Chinese Army had in use and drive back to Kowloon in them.

LIVELY DRIVE

At the border two trucks and a Jeep were awaiting us, but we were short two drivers so two of our party, J. M. Hutchinson, Associated Press, and

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NOTICE

H. K. V. D. O. REPATRIATION
"No further applications for repatriation by the 'HIGHLAND MONARCH' will be received after 10.00 hours, Monday, October 1st, 1945. All those who have registered up to that hour are practically certain to proceed by this ship."

E. N. THURSBY,
Major & Adjt.
Commanding H.K.V.D. Corps.

Lt. Comdr. Clair, R.N., offered their services which were readily accepted.

We first headed for the 13th Chinese Army Headquarters where tea was provided. The ride was a memorable one, for the road was in such a bad state that it was a wonder we did not run into fresh trouble. Jeep and trucks alike literally careered on two wheels at times.

Fortune favoured us and we got safely to our destination and, after the trucks were loaded with fifty sacks of rice started on the return trip to Kowloon, leaving Shumchun somewhere round 4.30 p.m.

At Shumchun we saw an odd sight. Chinese soldiers, with rifles and fixed bayonets, were doing guard duty on one side of the railway track, and on the opposite side were Japanese soldiers, similarly equipped, also doing guard duty!

I asked one of the Chinese officers whether there had been any incidents of any nature but he said everything was going on smoothly and that the Japanese went about these days "with bended heads" and were not out to make any trouble.

As if to confirm the statement, a Japanese sentry jumped to attention and saluted most respectfully.

The lorry we travelled in on our homeward trip was driven by one of the Commandos and was done in record time, the speedometer pointing to a steady 45-50 miles. Before we had realised it, we pulled up at the ferry wharf, safe and sound despite the day's experiences.

FORCE OF
MINUTE MEN

Washington, Sept. 29.—Major General Vandegrift, U.S. Marine Corps Commander, told the House Naval Committee to-day that he would want a post-war Marine force of 100,000 men and 9,200 officers.

"It would be a force of 'minute men'," he said, "and it will be held in readiness to be moved instantly with the fleet to any part of the world to strike hard and promptly to forestall at the beginning any attempt to disrupt the peace of the world."—Associated Press.

COST OF LIVING
IN CANTON

A Canton report on conditions in the Kwangtung capital places the cost of living per person at \$2,000 per month in Chinese National Currency.

The Kwok Min University in Si Kwan is re-opening and will charge \$12,000 in tuition fee per term.

There are now fifteen newspapers publishing in Canton, including one in English. Under the puppet regime only three newspapers had been in operation.

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Our Branch Office has opened temporary premises c/o Messrs Blair & Co., at French Bank Building, 2nd floor, and we shall be obliged if all prospective clients will communicate enquiries to that address during the present emergency period where they will be promptly handled and communicated to our executive who is now proceeding to London to ascertain full details and specifications with prices of latest models in all lines of our products:—

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTAL SERVICE TO MACAO.

On and after Monday, 1st Oct., 1945, ordinary letters and postcards for despatch to Macao will be accepted subject to the following postage rates:—

Letters: 8 cents for the first ounce or part of an ounce, and 4 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.
Limit of weight, 4 lbs.

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The same restrictions regarding size etc. apply as in the case of local letters and postcards (see Post Office Notice published on 25th September, 1945).

Mails to Macao will be despatched by such vessels as are considered suitable, as opportunity offers. It is expected that mail will be despatched at least once daily. Notices stating the time of closing mail and the name of the vessel by which mail is to be despatched will be displayed from day to day at the General Post Office and the Kowloon Central Post Office.

J. B. H. LEE,
Acting Postmaster General,
27th September, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG
MILITARY COURTS'
PROCLAMATION No. 8
ARTICLES 5 & 8

I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Articles 5 & 8 of the above-mentioned Proclamation hereby appoint:—

DENIS HENRY BLAKE
Solicitor and Notary Public

and
DAVID LOUIS STRELLETT,
Captain, H.K.V.D.C.,
Solicitor and Notary Public

to be members of the Standing Military Court

AND I hereby authorise each of them, the said Denis Henry Blake and David Louis Strellett, to hold a Summary Military Court, Class 1, sitting alone.

GIVEN under my hand, at HONG KONG this 29th day of September, 1945.

D. M. MacDougall,
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1. The attention of all registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong is drawn to the provisions of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, No. 7 of 1936.

2. (a) The following infectious diseases must be notified as soon as they come to the notice of the registered medical practitioners:—plague, cholera, small-pox, yellow fever, typhus, cerebro-spinal meningitis, measles, chicken-pox, diphtheria, purpural fever, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, rabies, dysentery, and enteric.

(b) In addition, the notification of cases of malaria is invited.

3. Every registered medical practitioner (other than a Government officer) is entitled to receive the sum of one dollar for each such notification on application to the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, First Floor.

4. Copies of the forms for notification are obtainable from the Secretary, Medical Department.

5. The penalty on conviction for failure to notify cases of the diseases named in paragraph 2 (a) supra is a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

P. S. Selwyn-Clarke,
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL & SANITARY SERVICES,
26th September, 1945.

POSTAL SERVICE TO CANTON

ETC.

On and after Monday, 1st October 1945, ordinary letters and postcards for despatch to Canton and destinations in the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow and Yunnan via Canton will be accepted subject to the following postage rates:—

Letters: 8 cents for the first ounce or part of an ounce, and 4 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.
Limit of weight, 4 lbs.

Postcards: 2 cents.

The same restrictions regarding size etc. apply as in the case of local letters and postcards (see Post Office Notice published on 25th September, 1945).

Mails to Canton and destinations via Canton will be despatched by such vessels as are considered suitable, as opportunity offers. Notices stating the time of closing mail and the name of the vessel by which mail is to be despatched will be displayed from day to day at the General Post Office and the Kowloon Central Post Office.

J. B. H. LEE,
Acting Postmaster General,
28th September, 1945.

NOTICE

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS

Before Civil Government can be restored, it is essential that accurate information be obtained on matters affecting the legal and judicial departments and that incomplete records and registers be supplemented by other information.

Members of the public will therefore greatly assist if in addition to complying with Regulation No. 2 (Legal Publications and Records) they also communicate any information in their possession relating to the matters in question to Capt. Botelho, Courts of Justice, 1st floor, Tel. No. 26052, even if the Regulation may not apply to them.

George E. Strickland,
Colonel, C.A.,
Legal Branch,
26th September, 1945.

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NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF BOATS

All boats requisitioned or acquired are the responsibility of the Sea Transport Officer. From Saturday, September 30th, every boat registered will be allocated a number to be painted on the bows and an identification card. It is requested that all boats previously obtained by Naval, Army, R. A. F. or Civil authorities or which have had identification marks placed on them may register with the Naval Boat Pull officer, Kowloon, for issue of a new number and identification card. Subsequent to the approved date any non-service boat is liable to be stopped for identification card. Failure to produce will necessitate the boat being taken to Naval Pull.

On the completion of the census a reallocation of boats will take place throughout the Hong Kong Command.

SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER

September 29th, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONGKONG

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

REGULATION NO. 3 PROHIBITED EXPORTS

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under paragraph 2 of the above Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport and Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE notice that the following item namely:

Cotton Yarns
All kinds

is added to the Schedule contained in the said Regulation No. 3. DATED this 27th day of September, 1945.

A. BURGESS,
Col. C. A.,
Supplies, Transport & Industry.

NOTICE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1. The attention of pharmacists and druggists and other persons engaged in selling or offering for sale medicines (other than purely herbal Chinese medicines) in the Colony of Hong Kong is drawn to the regulations of the Pharmacists and Poisons Ordinance 1937 and the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1935.

2. Under the provisions of the above ordinance, poisons or dangerous drugs must not be kept or sold except by or under the supervision of a pharmacist registered in Hong Kong.

3. The penalty on conviction for breach of these ordinances and of regulations made thereunder is a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars.

P. S. SILLWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

NOTICE

HARBOUR OFFICE

Cmdr. A. S. D. Ryder, R. N. (Retd.) assumed duty as Harbour Master with effect from 25th September, 1945.

Lt. Cmdr. J. H. Davis, R. N. R., assumed duty as Deputy Harbour Master with effect from 22nd September, 1945.

NOTICE

QUALIFIED STENOGRAPHERS

Stenographers who are seeking employment are invited to register at Central Executive Branch, ground floor, Supreme Court. References and certificates should be brought if available.

T. R. Rowell,
Colonel, C. A.,
Central Executive Branch.

TIME HEALS MANY THINGS
SAYS PHILOSOPHER

CHUNGKING, SEPT. 30.

IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEBODY REPORTED ON THE STATE OF HUMAN EXISTENCE IN THIS WORLD CAPITAL WHICH FOR THE TIME BEING HAS BEEN COMBINING THE FLUSH OF VICTORY WITH WHAT OLD-TIMERS SAY IS THE HOTTEST, MOST HUMID DAMNED EIGHTH MOON "CHINESE CALENDAR" THEY EVER DID SEE.

IT'S FINE GROWING WEATHER, HOWEVER, AND THE BANANA TREES AT THE PRESS HOSTEL WHICH CERTAIN CORRESPONDENTS IN HIGH SPIRITS OVER THE VICTORY, CLIMBED ONE AFTER ANOTHER BREAKING THE TREES. HAVE NOW SPROUTED A NEW, AND ARE ALMOST HEADHIGH.

The correspondents who couldn't promote trips to Shanghai are still talking about the affaire banana trees which came close to being an international incident. Relations between correspondents and the Chinese hostel management which dearly loved the banana trees, though these had lately produced no bananas, were sorely strained.

It was only after three days during which the banana fronds lay over the lawn sidewalks withering in the sun that the wrecked trees were pruned and the debris hauled away.

During that time, the hostel room boys went on a protest strike. But all the trouble is now over. Time heals many things, even broken banana trees.

CENSORSHIP OFF NEARLY

Even the Chinese censorship is to be lifted from October 1, except for matters dealing with incomplete military operations. Mr. T. Yao, who appears to be the last of the Chinese censors here, is planning to take off next week for a two months' vacation in Canton, taking with him his little square chop and the little ebony box with a fibrous blob of red ink.

Presently, however, censors having an eleventh hour workout are blocking fast the press messes on the state of negotiations between the Government and the Communists.

Americans here, including the military, are still consuming quantities of Chungking vodka and gin and are slaver over stories that come back from Shanghai about ice-cold beer.

To make matters worse, Headquarters three weeks ago decreed an hour's close order drill once a week for all personnel. The order has now been rescinded without an explanation. It is noteworthy that in the very first drill period when a West Pointer Captain whose regular job was at a desk in the Adjutant-General's Office was drilling a platoon of other officers, he gave them "about face" when they were under full headway marching. Some confusion and embarrassment developed.

Lights seem burning on the Yangtze River, but Americans are still ruled out of Chungking's restaurants and drinking-places because of the old cholera threat. The price of the best Chungking gin dropped from 2,500 Chinese dollars to 1,800 recently. Vodka is somewhat less expensive and has also dropped.

The open market rate on United States dollars these days is about 1,000 to one.

Vodka, incidentally, is Dr. Herrington's specific against prickly heat—applied externally. Commander Frank Herrington, New York State medic, who has been delivering babies, treating boils, jaundice, dysentery, malaria and other miscellaneous civilian ills, Chinese and American, in addition to his regular duties as navy physician at the Embassy, is taking the U.N.R.A. medical job from October 1.

Other changes subtly taking place include the reversion of all correspondents who have been army-accredited to their old civilian status from October 16 whereafter they get their old prerogatives such as free transportation only when the United States Headquarters has a bona fide army story for them to cover or when correspondents can prove that they have.

Costal Chinese who have been sweating out the war in Chungking have all got the itch to get back to their old homes and businesses, but find both river and air travel subject to considerable priority restrictions.

House boys in army hostels who want to go back to Shanghai and Canton are being more helpful than usual to any Army personnel remotely connected with airplanes.

MOVING THROES

United States Headquarters here will soon be in the throes of moving to Shanghai, to be followed some weeks after by the whole of the Chinese Government moving to Nanking. It won't be long until it will be difficult to find an American uniform in the Chinese hinterland. The Army's soldiers, however, will have left its imprint.

The other day a Chinese kid ran to his mother crying over having caught his thumb in a chicken's beak. "Mama," he whimpered, "I hurt my ding-how" which means,

literally, "O.K." and which Chinese kids always yell at Americans at the same time with the yell sticking their thumb into the air. "Ding How" has become synonymous for thumb.—Associated Press.

DODGING PALESTINE SHOWDOWN

LONDON, SEPT. 30.—THE IKHWAN MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ORGANISATION PROPOSES TO OPEN A BRANCH IN INDIA. IT LATELY OPENED A BRANCH IN PALESTINE AND PROPOSES TO OPEN OTHERS IN ALL ARAB COUNTRIES.

The organisation claims half a million members in Egypt but experts estimate that it has about half this strength.

Last minute efforts are being made here to avoid a showdown in Palestine which, it is now feared, might also spill over to other Middle East countries. The British Labour Party Executive is believed to have discussed the Government's reported plan for Palestine.

It is reported that the Executive is to receive a delegation from the World Zionist Executive and the matter is again to be discussed with the Government before Parliament meets on October 9.

A meeting may also take place this coming week between Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, and Doctor Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organisation.

British police officials in Palestine have made preparations to deal with any possible disturbances. A daylight curfew will be enforced should the occasion arise. It is thought that attempts may be made to land ships carrying Jewish refugees from Europe and that the onus of intervention will be put on British police and troops.—Reuter.

BIG PLANS FOR A BIG SHOW

A. B. Storey was walking on air last night.

Reason—He has solved his main problem in the production of "Thanks A Million," the Services musical show which is to be staged at the Queen's Theatre in aid of China relief.

The main worry was music, but yesterday's audition of the Royal Air Force orchestra was a stupendous success. They are to take part by kind permission of Flight-Lieut. Farr, who is writing some of the orchestrations himself, including the theme song, "Thanks A Million."

Another show is under the distinguished patronage of Commodore Everett, officer in command of the garrison forces in Hong Kong.

Rehearsals commence on Tuesday at the Queen's Theatre, the management of which have kindly agreed to allow the use of the theatre in the mornings free of charge.

Most of the cast have already been selected and the total number is expected to be in the region of 65. There is a shortage of girls but it is hoped that the A.T.S. will oblige in this respect. Tommy Burton and his partner, Swift, of the No. 1 Commandos will take a prominent part in the programme, providing the comic element.

If any one has a grand piano they would care to lend for the week of the show will they please communicate with A. B. Storey at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday morning. Two are required.

Bookings will be open at the Queen's Theatre in about 10 days time.

No further news has been received of the movements of Linda Dargatzis or Grace Fields, though they are known to be still in the South West Pacific, as is George Formby, who was recently in Burma with his wife. All three are out east in connection with show business.

MR. LAWSON MAKES A PROMISE

London, Sept. 30.

A Colombo message quotes Mr. J. J. Lawson as saying that Britain will see that justice is meted out to Japanese war criminals. Although he had heard a good deal about the atrocities practised by the Japanese, the facts came as a shock to him when he met some of the sufferers.—Reuter.

Rational Plan For Industry

LONDON, SEPT. 30.—THE MOVEMENT OF INDUSTRIES INTO FORMER DEPRESSED AREAS TO ENSURE A JUST DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT IS PLANNED.

Vacrics, makers of vacuum cleaners, washing-machines and other household electrical equipment, have begun work on the site of a factory at Airdrie, Lanarkshire, which is part of the Newhouse Industrial Estate.

The first shed was cut by Tom Johnstone, former Scottish Secretary, and the project is costing the Board of Trade some five hundred thousand pounds.

Vacrics had asked where the factory would best serve the national economy. Tynemouth has an opportunity to acquire a new furniture-making industry, employing four thousand workers, when the Board of Trade guarantees the use of a disposal factory at North Shields.

At Darlington, Patons and Baldwin, large hand-knitting yarn makers, are concentrating, in new premises, work now being carried on at mills in Halifax, Wakefield, Leicester and Melton Mowbray, which may be closed during the next two years. The transfer to Darlington was decided because labour is available there.—Reuter.

BOMBAY CURFEW

LONDON, SEPT. 30.—BRITISH MORNING PAPERS YESTERDAY GAVE FRONT PAGE STORIES TO THE CURFEW IMPOSED ON TWO SQUARE MILES OF BOMBAY AFTER THE NEW FLARE-UP IN THE HINDU-MOSLEM RIOTS.

Premiere is given to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's statement that "if the police commissioner and superintendent of police were told that they would be dismissed if the riots broke out there would be none. It is easy in any big city to start a riot if the hooligan element is given free play."

The British press publishes no comment on the situation. The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" in Bombay reports that a company of Indian troops is standing by but the police have, so far, been able to deal with the situation without their aid.—Reuter.

RIGIDLY ENFORCED

Bombay, Sept. 30. Police rigidly enforced the 10 p.m. curfew on Saturday and Sunday as the toll in Hindu-Moslem clashes reached 25 dead and 113 injured. In enforcing the ban against carrying weapons, police arrested over 250.

Moslem and Hindu leaders appealed for an end to the fighting and blamed hoodlums for the outbreaks. A citizens' conciliation committee was called for the outbreaks. A citizens' aid to meet on Monday.—Associated Press.

CHANCELLOR'S LOGIC

Glasgow, Sept. 30. Opening Glasgow's Savings Week, the goal of which is ten million pounds, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said that the only danger to the people's savings could come from saving little and spending too much, thereby jeopardising Britain's ability to concentrate for the time, upon developing her export markets.—Reuter.

Arabs In No Mood For Compromise

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

THE ARAB LEAGUE SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, HAS DEMAND-ED IN A NOTE TO THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS NOW MEETING IN LONDON THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONY OF TRIPOLITANIA SHOULD GO TO THE ARABS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, AZZAM BEY, TOLD REUTER TO-DAY: "WE THINK TRIPOLITANIA CAN BECOME AN INDEPENDENT BODY."

"IF THE EUROPEAN POWERS WANT TO ESTABLISH A TRUSTEESHIP STATE, THE ARAB LEAGUE CAN EXERCISE IT. IF THEY SEE NO WAY OF DOING THIS, WE BEG THEM TO ARRANGE A PLEBISCITE SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF TRIPOLITANIA CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES. IF THIS SUGGESTION IS REJECTED, PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUGHT ITALIAN RULE FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS WILL GO ON RESISTING."

Molotov is reported to have put forward the Russian claim to the trusteeship of Tripolitania at the Foreign Ministers' conference, but owing to disagreements no decision was reached.

Strongly objecting to a suggestion made in a letter by President Truman that a hundred thousand Jews should be allowed to enter Palestine, Azzam Bey declared that the United States Minister in Egypt told him that this letter is not to be regarded as an official declaration.

RESISTANCE THREAT "In principle, any dictation, whether coming from Britain or the United States would be resisted," he said.

If Jewish immigration demands were pushed through, the Arabs of Palestine would resist force with force. It would be impossible to prevent neighbouring Arab countries from lending their support to the Arab resistance movement in Palestine were it to be suppressed forcibly.

Azzam Bey disclosed that a Note explaining the Arab point of view on Palestine was drafted by the Arab League some months ago and sent individually by Arab States, first to Britain, and then to the United States.

"We were assured that nothing would be done that might touch the interest of Arabs without previous consultations with the Arab States."

"This attitude was reaffirmed when the second Arab note was sent month ago following President Truman's announcement in July last that he was in favour of letting as many Jews as possible into Palestine."

SEEING BEVIN

The text of the two Arab notes has not yet been made public. The Arab League's attitude to latest developments in Palestine will be discussed in next month's session of this body. Azzam Bey has come to London to gather first hand information for this meeting. He hopes to see the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, in the next few days. He wishes the Jewish question to be approached as a human problem. "We shall take our share generously in solving it."

He thought it possible that the Arab States would be prepared to allow Jewish immigration on a scale proportionately equal to the immigration quotas granted by other countries. "We have sympathy with the Jews and it is not impossible to come to an understanding with them. No compromise, however, is feasible with the Zionists. The Arab world will not acquiesce in the setting up of a Jewish National State at its expense. The Arab world, therefore, rejects the partition plan with its resulting cession of Arab land to non-Arabs."

ARAB ATTITUDE

Azzam Bey denied that Jews had brought prosperity to the Middle East. "The work they have done in Palestine is serving purely political aims. The results achieved do not correspond to the capital invested. 'Two decades ago,' he explained, 'Syria, Lebanon and Palestine were far ahead of other Arab countries. French rule and internal trouble have retarded this progressive trend while the Arab States, on the other hand, have by their own efforts, made giant strides towards betterment of conditions. I claim that without political interference Palestine would have developed better.'—Reuter.

700,000 ON STRIKE

Washington, Sept. 30. With more than 700,000 workers already striking and with an additional one million threatening to strike unless the new demands are satisfied, the president of the United Mine-workers' Union, John L. Lewis, has notified the bituminous coal industry that his 500,000 united mine workers were fully supporting the move to organise supervisory workers in the mines.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 30.—His Majesty's three-year-old colt, Kingstone gave three pounds and a half length beating to Lord Rosebery's filly, Blusmoke, yesterday.—Reuter.

Japanese Surrender To Lu Han

HANOI, SEPT. 30.

THE JAPANESE GENERAL TSUSHIBASHI TO-DAY SIGNED CAPITULATION TERMS IN THE PRESENCE OF NEARLY 300 CHINESE, FOUR ANNAMESE DELEGATES AND A LONE FRENCH NEWS CORRESPONDENT.

The Chinese commanding officer issued a statement immediately after the signing stating that the Chinese are not prepared to recognise the Annamese government. The Annamese premier commented that he had not had any official communication with the Chinese.

The proclamation called on all present administrative personnel to stay at their posts. It said the Chinese were establishing a garrison in Hanoi and "may declare martial law." There have been, however, no disturbances in this section.—Associated Press.

N. Y. LIFTS RUN AGAIN

NEW YORK, SEPT. 30.

LIFT-OPERATORS, WHOSE SIX-DAY STRIKE PARALYZED A VITAL PART OF NEW YORK'S BUSINESS DISTRICT, WERE ORDERED ON SATURDAY TO RETURN TO WORK IMMEDIATELY.

This action came after both sides had complied with Government instruction that differences should be mediated.

The return-to-work order was issued by Union officials who called the walkout originally because of dissatisfaction with the War Labour Board's directive increasing the hourly wages by reducing the hours per week. They contended that the ruling meant less actual pay for workers.—Associated Press.

RADIO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1945.

ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 690 Kilocycles and from 12.80—1.30 p.m., 6.30—7.30 p.m. and 9.00—10.30 p.m. on 9.47 Megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.80 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.

1.00 p.m.—News and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Variety with Jeanette MacDonald, Reginald Foort, Charlie Kunz & Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Compositions of Gertrude Villa.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Billy May at the Piano.

7.45 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin).

8.00 p.m.—An Hour of Variety with Grace Fields, Stanley Holloway, The Hill Billies & Roy Fox's Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—STUDIO—Lt. Clear on "D.E.M.S."

9.30 p.m.—A French Programme with Lucienne Boyer.

10.00 p.m.—LONDON Relay—News & Bulletin from the Papers.

10.10 p.m.—Bach—Concerto in G Major (Two Pianos).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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